



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week:
Courage

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'Let love and faithfulness never leave you....'

Proverbs 3:3

Faith in Action

Our Disciples of the week are enjoying the opportunity to visit the infant school each week.



Attendance in School

NUMBER OF DAYS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL	CHILD'S ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR
If your child has 1 day off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 99.5%
If your child has 2 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 99%
If your child has 5 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 97.4%
If your child has 10 days off school during the year...	...their attendance will be 95% This is below target.
If your child has 15 days off during the year...	...their attendance will be 92.4% School will now monitor attendance on a regular basis. Letters home will be sent and you will be invited in for an attendance panel meeting
If your child has 20 or more days off during the year their attendance will be below 90% and school will now be in contact with Education Welfare Service of Knowsley Local Authority. This may lead to sanctions, court and penalties against the parents

Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Isabella	Elsa	Bobby	96.7%
3GT	Kayden	Rudi	Joseph	94.8%
3ME	Max	Amaya	Sienna	96.3%
3ST	Aine	Myla	Max	95.8%
4CD	Franciszek	Carter	Daniel	93.7%
4HW	Louie	Shawn	Paul	96%
4PS	Oscar	Bella M	Isobelle	98.7%
4SC	Isabelle K	Amelia K	Alex	97.7%
5JP	Bobby	Sophia	Jamie D	94.8%
5KN	Harrison	Melissa	Amelia F	97.2%
5MW	Leon	Daniel	Isabella C	96.2%
5AH	Daisy	Diya	Cayden	96%
6AC	Agata	Samantha	Romeo	98%
6JK	Eliza	Amy	Maddison	98.6%
6LT	Jacob	Khloe	Junior	93.3%
6SA	Tallulah	Jayden	Mason	95.3%

Attendance for the whole school is 96.2%

Dinnertime winners: 3GT, 4CD, 5JP, 6LT

Golden Ticket Initiative

Congratulations to all our Golden Ticket winners who have gone above and beyond this week-enjoy your hot chocolate!

This week's winners are:-

Year 4 - Amber (4CD) for being extra generous and kind by giving money to Cafod.

Year 5 - Erin and Emily (5AH) for showing amazing diligence and determination to 'be their best' by completing extra work at home to consolidate their learning in class. I am super impressed with your attitude and care about your learning! Well done to you both - keep it up!

Year 6 - Lily and Darcie (6AC) created a fantastic poster to advertise their planned 'Culture Day'.

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik	William	Diya	Lily
Class with the best engagement	3GT	4PS	5KN	6LT
Most Improved	Bobby M	Luca L	Orlagh	Maddison
TTRS Class Champions	3CF - Sebastian 3ST - Max 3GT - Khloe 3ME - Nolan	4PS - Jack 4HW - Archie 4CD - Timothy 4SC - Oscar	5AH - Diya 5MW - Alvina 5KN - Brodie 5JP - Joseph	6AC - Nathaniel 6SA - Lakshit 6LT - Harry M 6JK - Lucas

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	272	305	346	372	1295
St David	283	305	333	369	1299
St George	255	311	341	385	1292
St Patrick	261	308	319	345	1233

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Harley who won a junior ballet championship last weekend dancing against students much older than herself. (10-13 age range)



Well done to Franki-Lilli for her dancing medals!



Congratulations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following children who are celebrating their birthday this week! We hope you enjoy your special day!

Year 3:

Maisie - 3CF

Year 4:

Millie - 4SC

Nathan - 4SC

Olivia - 4SC

Jack - 4PS

Year 5:

Amelia - 5MW

Cayden - 5AH

Annabel - 5KN

Year 6:

Amelia - 6JK

Parent Workshop

We are currently hosting a number of workshops for parents which we hope parents are finding to be useful. Many thanks to all parents who attended today's workshop on 'Improving Memory'

The RAISE team are also continuing to run their weekly Bitesize zoom sessions for parents. So far they have covered 'Anxiety and Child Worry'

Next week's bitesize session will focus on:- Social Media

The link to the session will be emailed to all parents on a number of occasions during the next week.

Mental Fitness Programme 5 Ways to Well-Being

Come and join us and have a cuppa with other parents and learn some techniques to help support your own and your child's well-being and mental fitness.

You don't have to wait until there's a problem before learning how to maintain your own and your child's well-being and positive mental health.

There are many ways in which we can sustain positive mental well-being.

Each of the five sessions will be based around the 5 Ways to Well-being Framework and positive mental health.

Programme developed and delivered by
Jackie Harris & Carmel Perry - Learning Mentors

Venue: St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School
Session 1
Friday 21st April 2023
Connect

PTA

The PTA do an outstanding job in raising funds for our school and through one of our amazing parents we have managed to match fund £2,500 against the monies raised for our Christmas Fair. This money will go toward the cost of the year 5 residential coaches and also towards coach costs for all four year group's upcoming summer term's day trips.

Forthcoming events include:-

Easter Bingo

Summer Fair

Pre-loved Uniform sales

The PTA have lots of uniform in many different sizes so if any parent requires any spare items and is unable to get to our pre-loved uniform, sales feel free to contact the PTA on smmjpta@gmail.com

9.15—11.15am
Session 2
Friday 28th April 2023
Give

9.15—11.15am
Session 3
Friday 5th May 2023
Keep learning

9.15—11.15am
Session 4
Friday 12th May 2023
Take notice

Session 5
Friday 19th May 2023
Be active
1.30 - 3pm

On Friday 19th May (5th session) your child/children will accompany you in taking part in this session.

If you wish to reserve a place for the Mental Fitness Programme you can either contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Perry no later than Wednesday 19th April 2023. Places are limited and will be offered on a 'first come first served' basis.

British Science Week

Next week, our children will be celebrating British Science Week. This year's theme is 'Connections', which means children will be engaging in activities that allow them to discover the different ways connections appear across all areas of science.

This year's theme offers a huge range of topics to delve into but perhaps at home, you could explore the science and technology behind the internet.

Parent Forum

Our next Parent Forum will take place next Wednesday (15th March) at 6pm. The zoom code will be sent out to parents on Monday morning.

STRIKE DAY (15th and 16th March)

Parents may be aware of the two day strike of the NEU Teaching Union to be held next Wednesday and Thursday (15th and 16th March). This unfortunately means that school will be closed to pupils on these two days. We apologise for any inconvenience caused to parents.

St Patrick's Feast Day

Next Friday (17th March) is St Patrick's Feast Day. The children in St Patrick's House Team are invited to come to school that day wearing a splash of green (or full on green!). As is the case with all our Own Clothes days, this is, of course optional.

Sport News

This week a group of our pupils took part in a Cross Country event held on our school field. There were over one hundred runners in each girls and boys race. Congratulations to Ella (Y6) for winning a 5th place medal. Overall, our girls A team came second place and our boys A team came third place. A massive thank you to all the children who represented SMMJ and for the fabulous parental support given on the night!



The Year 5 and 6 football league event was cancelled on Thursday due to bad weather. The games will be re-arranged.

Catholic Schools' Inspection

This week we have received the report from our RE inspection which took place before half term. We are delighted to have been graded as 'Outstanding' with key strengths highlighted as follows:-

- Catholic ethos, mission and Catholic character permeates all aspects of school life.
- Staff promote high standards of behaviour. Consequently, pupils' behaviour is exemplary in all areas.
- Teachers demonstrate passion and a vast subject knowledge in Religious Education.
- The learning environment both in class and around the school, enhanced by quality displays, is inspiring and enhances the whole Catholic character.
- Pastoral care throughout the school is exceptional, all pupils feel cared for, valued and

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing support of our school which is very much appreciated.

Church News

Children's Church at Sunday 10am Mass.

Tea & coffee served after Sunday 10am Mass in the Parish centre - all welcome!



Dovecot Food Club next to Sayers: Mondays 10am to 1pm. Families can receive £15 worth of food for £5. Food can be dropped off during these times. Please note the following items are desperately needed: **Tea bags, coffee, tinned beans, pasta, tinned tomatoes, tuna, spaghetti, biscuits, crisps. Nappies 4/5, toothpaste, soap, shower gel, shampoo, toilet rolls.** Donations are welcomed in church before or after Saturday and Sunday Masses or can be left in the school entrance.



A group of volunteers from our school and parish community go into the city centre on a Tuesday evening to take food, hot drinks and helpful items to the Homeless men and women of our city. Any offerings will be gratefully received. Please leave the school office for Miss Finnegan.

Thursday Masses

Unfortunately, due to staff absence we were unable to attend the Thursday Mass this week.

Live Simply Award for Schools

We are working towards achieving the LiveSimply award. It is an opportunity to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". #smmjcatholiclife #smmjLiveSimply



The Laudato Si is a letter from Pope Francis to everyone on the planet urging all of us to protect the earth; our common home. The earth is God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder, where the fruits of the earth belong to everyone.

The children have made a class pledge to take action on caring for creation and the environment.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to participate in during the Spring Term. Please see the timetable below:-

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Athletics	Tennis		Rebound Dance	
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Basketball			Netball	Rebound Dance
YEAR 5	Before School					Girls Football
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Boxing				
YEAR 6	Before School	Intra School Football Comp	Table Tennis	Bleep Test	Table Tennis	Girls Football
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Boxing				

Social Media

Why not give us a follow on Instagram or Twitter? @smmjjnr

Spring Term Dates for Diary

MARCH

Week Beginning 13th March-British Science Week

16th March Parents' Bitesize Session (6pm on Zoom) - Worries of the World

17th March- St Patrick's Feast Day-St Patrick's House Team have the option to attend school wearing green/ a splash of green.

17th March - British Science Day in school

20th-29th March-Assertive Mentoring Conversations (individual class teachers to confirm a time)

22nd March - 3GT, 6AC and 6SA Assertive Mentoring Conversations

20th-22nd March - Year 5 Residential Visit to Winmarleigh Hall

23rd March Parents' Bitesize Session (6pm on Zoom)- Behaviour as Communication

23rd March - 6JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations

27th March - 4PS and 4SC Assertive Mentoring Conversations

28th March 4HW, 4CD, 5KN and 5AH Assertive Mentoring Conversations

29th March-Full Governors' Meeting

30th March - 3ME & 3ST Assertive Mentoring Conversations

30th March - 6LT, 5JP & 3CF Assertive Mentoring Conversations

30th March Parents' Bitesize Session (6pm on Zoom)- Topic TBC

31st March-Coffee Morning

APRIL

4th April-PTA Easter Event

5th April-Easter Talent Show

6th April-Easter Variety Showcase

The Greatest Week Assembly

Break Up for Easter Holiday

17th April-Return to school for the Summer Term